GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3612
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RE-OPENING THE FERTILIZER COMPANY IN SINDRI BARAUNI
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-open the Fertilizer Company in Sindri and Barauni;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be done;

(d) whether 'Neptha' is being imported in the country;

(e) if so, the details in this regard for the last three years; and

(f) the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to make the country self-sufficient in the production of Neptha?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) The Sindri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. is inoperation. The rehabilitation proposal of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. including its Barauni unit based on unit-wise techno-economic viability is to be submitted to the competent authority and thereafter for sanction of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The quantity of naphtha imported during the last three years and the value thereof is given below:

Year	Qty in '000 MT	Value in Rs / crore
1997-98	1874	1136
1998-99	2407	1336
1999-2000	1917	1965

(f) With a view to meet the domestic demand of Naphtha and otherpetroleum products from domestic production sources, refining capacity, which was 62.24 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA) in the beginningof 9th Plan, has been increased to 112.54 MMTPA.This would result in anestimated production of 11.00 MMTPA of Naphtha in the current year asagainst the estimated demand of 10.15 MMTPA.